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Barbara (cc Bryan):

Thanks; since a discharge to the Snoqualmie River (which we would need to permit) is on the list of options, someone from our shop should talk to them, and, as I mentioned, I'm willing to do that. Wastewater re-use permitting involving Tribes gets tricky, since most Tribes don't have a wastewater re-use permitting program of any kind, and there aren't really any applicable federal laws unless the project impacts waters of the United States (e.g., through surface runoff). Some tribes forge ahead with re-use on their reservations, since there's no applicable law that says they can't, but I've heard of that leading to problems when no one is really minding the store.

If they were to do a re-use project somewhere **off** the reservation (which seems like a possibility, since their reservation is quite small), I'm honestly not sure how that would be handled. Normally, such a project would be permitted by the State of Washington, but the Tribe may not want to be under the thumb of a State government, and I don't know enough about Indian law to know if the State could even legally issue or enforce such a permit. It seems like the State should have some say in the matter, however, since any re-use project has the potential to affect groundwater, which is part of the waters of the State of Washington.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 1:56 PM

**To:** Nickel, Brian

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**From:** [Jennifer.Price@ch2m.com](mailto:Jennifer.Price@ch2m.com) [<mailto:Jennifer.Price@ch2m.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 1:54 PM

**To:** Fiedorczyk, Bryan; Ross, Barbara

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Hi Brian,

Thanks for the response. I am thinking mostly of permitting. The tribe does want to understand what are the possibilities/implications of their building their own WWTP, either getting a new discharge to the Snoqualmie River or getting rid of the effluent another way (reuse, injection, etc..). Again, a very high-level, initial feasibility analysis, so I am hoping to just have an initial conversation that we can better explain the issues to the tribe and then go from there.

Thanks again!

Jennifer

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**From:** Fiedorczyk, Bryan [<mailto:Fiedorczyk.Bryan@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 1:33 PM

**To:** Price, Jennifer/SEA; Ross, Barbara

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Hi Jennifer,

Could you please clarify - by regulatory issues, do you mean primarily related to permitting?

Depending on what type of information you are specifically seeking, we can try to put you in contact with the correct person.

Cheers!

Bryan

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Hi Brian and Barbara,

I got an out-of-office response from Catherine listing you two as resources for tribal water issues. I am hoping one of you can help me.

Thanks so much!

Jennifer

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**From:** Price, Jennifer/SEA

**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 8:19 AM

**To:** 'Gockel.Catherine@epamail.epa.gov'

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Hi Catherine,

My name is Jennifer Price and we are working with the Snoqualmie Tribe, conducting a high-level analysis of wastewater treatment options for them, including leaving their current relationship with the City of Snoqualmie and looking at providing their own wastewater treatment or possibility working with the City of North Bend. This is a very cursory, initial feasibility analysis. But we would like to get a better understanding of the regulatory issues with each of these options. Do you have time next week to discuss this? And if you are not the right contact person, could you point me in the right direction?

Thank you very much!

Jennifer

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